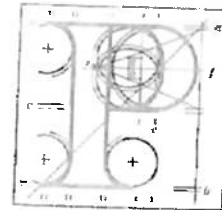


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Catherine Clarke and Gerard Manly
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Date: 01 June 2023

Re: DART+ South West Electrified Heavy Railway Order - Hazelhatch & Celbridge Station to Heuston Station, and Hesuton Station to Glasnevin
County Dublin and County Kildare

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission (including your fee of €50) in relation to the above-mentioned proposed Railway Order and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions/observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the relevant County Council(s) and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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We wish to object to the above application on the points outlined below.

- The proposed new DART lines have left us extremely concerned about the OHLE that power these electric trains, and the amount of EMF radiation that is released from these high-powered electrical lines. This issue is of major concern to us as we and our young children spend a lot of time in our garden, particularly during Spring and Summer months.
- We are also deeply concerned about the effect of construction and the new high powered electric lines would have on wildlife in the area. We have many bird's that visit our garden and would be concerned that this will decrease due to new noise levels introduced. We are also concerned about rodent infestation in the area once the construction work begins.
- We are concerned about the extra noise level that these new trains will bring. Currently there is already a lot of noise from the existing trains that use these lines, there is also a certain amount of vibration felt when these trains pass by. With an additional two more lines being added and trains proposed to be running every few minutes, I am concerned that this will impact the foundations and structure to our property as well as impact on our quality of life.
- Despite all the impact on local housing and amenities there is also no plan to create a stop in the local area in the short-term following completion of the proposed works. There will be no improvement to transport services in our area after this work is completed
- The proposed reconstruction of the bridge ref (OBC5) at the Kybher pass will create a situation that will impact our property from a **privacy** point of view. The current bridge does not overlook our property but if the newly planned bridge is constructed it will pose an **overbearing** impact to our property and impact the **privacy** of our home. Alternatively I would like to suggest that

when the bridge is taken down for the proposed works that it is left down and removed completely, and the route that CIE workers will be using for the duration of this works can become the new entrance to CIE, why impact the properties for myself and my neighbours when there are ways around this to accommodate everyone.

- The proposed widening of the Kybher pass lane way will involve the acquisition of part of our neighbours property. The removal of the boundary wall will impact our property from a **security** point of view as it will expose our property to potential intruders/trespassers during the demolition/construction period of the project.
- The removal of the shrubbery and the trimming back of our neighbours mature trees will also expose our home to the Seven Oaks apartments which will impact our **privacy**. Currently the trees and shrubbery provide us with privacy from the apartment complex .If the boundary wall and the shrubbery are removed the apartments will become an **overbearing** impact to our property/home.
- The existing laneway was originally extended eastwards to provide access to the rear of the Seven Oaks apartment complex circa 2003. The boundary to our property is part of the original west boundary wall that runs through from Sarsfield road.
There is currently a strip of unused ground (ref 18832 T 302 B) in a derelict condition that is part of the seven oaks apartment complex and could be used to facilitate the widening of the kybher pass laneway and the repositioning of the footbridge.
- If this option was used it would avoid the removal of the west boundary wall and the destruction to our property and the other properties that will be impacted by the removal of the existing west boundary wall at the kybher pass.

On the basis of the above we trust that our concerns will be taken into consideration prior to a decision being reached on this planning application